



MILLION HOUR AWARDS . . . Nine top supervisors of General Petroleum congratulate each other on receiving two "million hour" accident prevention awards from the American Petroleum Institute. Left to right they are F. P. Lennon, Vernon superintendent; S. M. Lyon, T. J. Sullivan, L. H. Fosburg, John Tipps, A.H. Slevi, J. T. Rothenberger, Elmer Hayes, and B. C. McCoy, Torrance superintendent.



GETTING READY . . . These three Torrance High coeds, Ann Stephens, Marian McDonald and Marcia Wright are practicing their cooking for the forthcoming semi-annual GAA banquet. The fall semester affair is booked for Wednesday night, January 16, in Civic Auditorium. The event will start at 5:30. All alumni are invited. (Herald photo).

YMCA Busy Place During Past Year

More than 21,492 youths and adults attended Torrance YMCA activities during 1951, John K. Steinbaugh, chairman of the board of managers, revealed this week in a recap of the past year's events.

Indication of the service to the community that the local YMCA provides is shown in statistics which reveal that 74 meetings of outside organizations were held in the YMCA since it acquired its building nine months ago. More than 2219 members of such organizations as the VFW, the DAV, their auxiliaries and various church groups made use of the YMCA building located near Plaza del Amo and Arlington avenue.

"These figures do not include the 414 sessions or meetings held in the building by the 15 YMCA clubs," Steinbaugh said.

Attending these club sessions were 7097 boys and girls ranging from grammar school through high school age.

BREAKFAST POPULAR
Among the special events staged by the Torrance YMCA was the Good Neighbor Breakfast which attracted 904 persons on November 17.

Last March the YMCA-Lions Club Learn-to-Swim campaign boasted an enrollment of 260 boys who participated in 36 swim sessions at the Hermosa Biltmore pool.

Among the round-up figures for the year were these:

	Sessions	Attendance
Committees	64	581
Special events	64	3321
Athletic	317	7909
Day camps	65	1244
Clubs	414	7097
Learn-to-swim	36	1340
Totals	960	21492

In the process of organization this week was a committee headed by Don Armstrong, local attorney, which will soon

Local Soldier Promoted to Sgt. in Korea

James L. Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harper 1102 Maple street, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the 6th Infantry regiment now serving in Korea.

The 22-year-old soldier is a supply sergeant in Hq. and Hq. Co. of the regiment.

A former resident of Lomita, Harper was graduated from Narbonne High School in 1948. His parents then moved to Torrance, and young Harper attended Compton College for two years.

He was drafted into the Army a year ago, and has been in Korea for six months.

UNIT NAME
The ampere, a unit of measurement of electricity, was named in honor of Andre Marie Ampere, noted French physicist and mathematician.



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Employers Will Elect Officers Next Thursday

Election of new officers of the Harbor Area Employers' Council will take place next Thursday afternoon at the annual membership meeting in the council's Torrance offices, F. S. Selover, executive secretary, announced today.

Nominated for re-election to the Board of directors for the

term 1952-53 are Louis Arbetter, J. N. Blake, Harry M. Carr, W. O. Clausing, K. V. Harrison, J. W. Jensen, Charles Y. Jones, Sam Levy, A. J. Moe, Frank R. Moore, Clyde Prow, and T. K. Ware.

Holdover directors are A. J. McCown, H. W. Smith, J. C. Caldwell, Paul Diamond, and E. W. Spear.

Written nominations of board candidates may be submitted at the annual meeting, Selover said. The terms of 15 directors expire.

LARGE LAKE
Lake Geneva has an area of 223 square miles, smaller than the Dead Sea.

Halldale Sets Dates for Registration

Pre-registration for new kindergarten and first grade students at Halldale Elementary School will be held Friday, February 1, Mrs. Amarda Bonwell, school principal, has announced.

The spring semester will begin on February 4.

All new enrollees in kindergarten must reach the age of 5 before May 5. New first graders must observe their sixth birthday before the same date.

Parents must furnish legal proof of birth for the child at time of registration, Mrs. Bonwell said.

Halldale school, part of the Los Angeles City School System, takes in students residing in the area ordered by Torrance boulevard on the north, Ocean avenue on the south, Vermont on the east and Western on the west.

Teenager Victim Of Gang Beating

A 19-year-old boy received a painful beating at the hands of "two or three" unidentified assailants at a drive-in theater last week, he told Torrance police.

Victim of the beating was Richard Ketzberg, of 1654 West 108th street. It required several stitches to close cuts about his face and body, reports show.

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